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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
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Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2008-0274
Proceeding to Investigate Implementing a Decoupling Mechanism
Request for Extension of Time to File a Stipulated (or Proposed) Procedural Order

Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO"), Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. ("HELCO"), Maui Electric Company, Limited ("MECO"), collectively the "HECO Companies," respectfully request the Commission to grant an extension from December 22 to December 26, 2008 for the parties in this proceeding to file a stipulated (or proposed) procedural order.

On December 3, 2008, the Commission issued Order Granting Intervention ("Order") which granted the motions to intervene of Life of the Land ("LOL"), Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance ("HREA"), Haiku Design and Analysis ("HDA"), Hawaii Holdings, LLC, doing business as First Wind Hawaii ("First Wind"), the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism ("DBEDT"), Hawaii Solar Energy Alliance ("HSEA"), and Blue Planet Foundation ("Blue Planet"). The Order also directed the parties to file a stipulated (or proposed) procedural order by December 22, 2008.

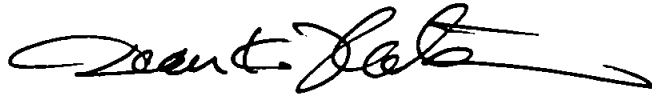
In the Order, the Commission granted an extension of time for the HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate to file a joint decoupling proposal from December 23, 2008 to February 17, 2009. The HECO Companies and the Consumer Advocate met on December 15 and 16 to discuss various matters related to the joint proposal, and the issues and procedural steps in this docket. On December 17, 2008, based on discussion over these two days, the HECO Companies distributed a draft procedural order for the parties to review, comment, and/or concur.

On December 18, 2008, HDA provided proposed changes to the stipulated procedural order. On December 19, 2008, DBEDT provided proposed changes as well. Because

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decoupling will ultimately impact the financial integrity of the HECO Companies, the HECO Companies respectfully request the Commission to grant an extension to December 26, 2008 for the parties to file a stipulated (or proposed) procedural order. This would allow some time for the parties to hold a teleconference to discuss the proposed changes. The Consumer Advocate, LOL, HREA, HDA, First Wind, DBEDT, HSEA, and Blue Planet do not object to this request.

Very truly yours,



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